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Dear Requester:

This letter is in response to your recent request under the Maryland Public Information Act for records in the possession of the Maryland State Police. Specifically, you requested, "notes, memos, bulletins, alerts and emails" containing any of the following: "#ICantBreathe, Icantbreath, I Can't Breathe, George Floyd, #GeorgeFloyd, Derek Chauvin, #DerekChauvin, #JusticeforFloyd, Justice for Flouyd, #JusticeforGeorge, #BlackLivesMatter, #BLM, Black Lives Matter".

A search of Maryland State Police emails alone revealed approximately 17,335 documents within the parameters or containing one or more of the words you are seeking. It is estimated it will take staff about four minutes to review each email and conduct any redactions required by the Maryland Public Information Act. This will involve a total of approximately 1,156 staff hours. The hourly pay for staff involved in this review process is \$35 an hour. Therefore, the estimated cost of reviewing and preparing the documents as requested is \$40,390.00, including the two hours of free research time required by law.

Due to the significant amount of staff time needed to complete this request, the Maryland State Police will not waive fees. We will initiate further processing of your request upon receipt of a check made payable to the Maryland State Police for \$40,390.00

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. You may also refer any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq.

Sincerely,

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